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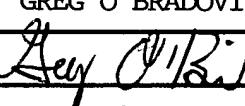
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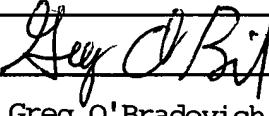
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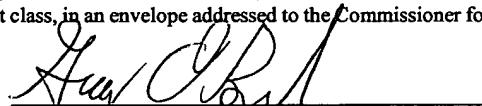
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**RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT TO THE  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 25, 2005, Applicant desires to file this Responsive Amendment.

Please amend the application in the following particulars: